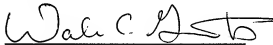


REMARKS

This amendment is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.312 at the request of the Applicants. The amendment is intended to correct informalities in claim 10. The issue fee for the present application is being paid concurrently with this amendment. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment. If the Examiner has any questions, please contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Walter C. Grollitsch", written over a horizontal line.

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